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Intimations.

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By Order, DENIS OREAGH, Capt. 28th Regt., Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, October 11, 1877. oc26

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. B. STOUT has returned, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DES UNIVERS. Office hours, 9 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 27, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. 46, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG. September 15, 1877.

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES SMITH FERRIES, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the Under signed WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BRERETON, 39 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.

Wm. H. BRERETON, Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN. ja16

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Under signed with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profit to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, August 1, 1877. no1

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, August 1, 1877. no1

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary. Hongkong, September 15, 1877. sp1

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Intimations.

CONDENSED EGGS.

THIS NEW ARTICLE, recently placed upon the Market, consists simply of fresh-laid HENS' EGGS, from which most of the water has been evaporated, and being hermetically sealed, remains perfectly sound. The EGGS thus condensed are obtained in the Empire of China, and canned in the immediate vicinity in which they are produced, thereby avoiding the deterioration to which EGGS are subjected when transported in the shell. So that, in point of fact, the CONDENSED EGGS preserved under the patent of A. E. DAVIS, furnish to the consumer, EGGS possessing more perfectly the properties of fresh-laid EGGS than those ordinarily supplied to any city. The CONDENSED EGGS will keep up into light froth as readily as EGGS taken immediately from the shell, and are equally valuable in making Cakes, Custards, Creams, Pastry, Puddings, Egg-Nog, &c., &c.

ECONOMY.

For Hotels, and Restaurants, or for Families, or Vessels at sea, this Article is invaluable, as there is no loss from breakage or decay, and a tin will keep for any length of time after opening, being sealed only for transportation.

One Table-spoonful is equal to one Egg. Add equal amount of water (warm is preferable); dissolve it well; then use same as any Egg.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Agents for Hongkong.

MUSTARD & Co., General Agents at Shanghai. oc24

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

THE Under signed, until further notice, offer to REPAIR VESSELS, furnishing all Material and Labor, except METAL and NAILS, for TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Sheet.

IRON STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS requiring Three Coats Paint or Tallow, Thirty Cents per Ton Register.

W. B. SPERATT & Co., Proprietors. Hongkong, October 10, 1877. no10

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, 8th October, 1877.

IN pursuance of a Resolution passed at the GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATION held on the 5th July, 1877, a Return of Capital of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TAIELS per SHARE will be made at the Office of the Secretaries on the 15th Instant, to Shareholders of record the 10th Instant.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under signed to Shareholders, or their lawful Representatives on presentation of Share Certificates.

RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries. oc26

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAIELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Instant. Warrants will be delivered by the Under signed to Shareholders or their lawful Representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators. Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL. RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

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1877.

NEW SEASON'S (MAY) BUTTER.

The First Shipment of Busch & Co.'s Celebrated Cowbrand DANISH BUTTER.

In Tins of 1 lb. each, 80 Cents per lb.

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In Tins of 4 lb. each, 50 Cents per lb.

Fresh supplies of CROUSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMANS' STORES, and American Family MESS STORES,—As per their July Price List.

(All Stores sold by L. A. & Co. are of the Very Best Quality.)

Chappell & Co.'s New and Popular MUSIC AND SONGS.

Very Superior California BLANKETS, 18/4 and 12/4.

California KNEE BOOTS.

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Central and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

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FISHING LINES and WHITE LINES, of all descriptions.

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A Fine Assortment of Dr. L. E. E. STATIONERY, BOOKS.

NOVELS, WORKS OF REFERENCE, SCHOOL BOOKS.

&c., &c., &c. Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

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L. TAMPIER & Co.'s BURGUNDY, Beaune and Pomard, in Pints.

CHAMPAGNE 1874, REIMSIECK & Co.'s MONOPOLE.

DEESTJEN & Co. Hongkong, October 2, 1877. no1

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

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Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS KELLY & WALKER, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Entertainment.

GARRISON THEATRE.

(By Special Request.)

THE 25th REGT. AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB, will Repeat at the above Theatre, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 18th October, 1877.

The popular domestic Drama in Three Acts, by C. H. HARRISON, Esq., Entitled "JESSY VERE, OR THE RETURN OF THE WANDERER."

And the laughable Farce by T. J. WILLIAMS, Esq., Entitled "MY TURN NEXT."

Between the pieces an old Favorite is to give a Song.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Front Seats, \$1; Second Seats, 50 Cents; Third Seats, 25 Cents. Children under 12 years of age, half-price; no first and second seats only.

Tickets can be obtained at Hongkong Hotel, Officers' Mess Sergeant 28th Regt., Sergeant's Mess, R.A., and 28th Regiment, from all Pay Sergeants, and at the Door on the night of Performance.

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m., to Commence at 9 p.m.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. C. A. S. DICKINS, and Officers the Band of the Regiment will attend.

505 SAFFRON HILL, HONGKONG, October 12, 1877. no16

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TO LET. NOS. 4, and 5, PEORILL TERRACE, ELGIN STREET.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

AN OFFICE TO LET.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, lately occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIM.

"Bianco Villa," Pok-foo-lum, Furnished.

House No. 2, Seymour Terrace, Nos. 9 and 11, Queen's Road Central, with spacious Godowns attached, at present occupied by Messrs BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, October 13, 1877.

TO LET.

TOP FLOOR of the House now occupied by Mr. A. HARRIS, at Wanchai. Apply on the Premises.

Hongkong, September 11, 1877.

TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1, D'Aguiar Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

The Dwelling House No. 10, Gough Street.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE in CAINE Road, at present in the occupation of H. DE POUZY, Esq. Possession from 1st November next.

Apply to JOHN JACK, East Point. Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "YESSO," Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, October 11, 1877. oc16

FOR HAIFONG (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "DALE," Captain J. THOMPSON, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, October 13, 1877. oc17

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, October 13, 1877. oc17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The British Steamship "JAPAN," Capt. H. DE SMIDT, will leave this for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 10, 1877. oc18

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "LEGYLL," Captain SCOTT, will leave for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, October 10, 1877. oc18

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for all Australian and New Zealand Ports.)

The Steamship "COBAN," will load as above, and be despatched on or about the 1st of November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 6, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "H. S. SANDFORD," A. SLEEPER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, September 26, 1877. oc26

FOR LONDON.

The 100 41 British Barque "WOODVILLE," T. E. NELSON, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, September 26, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Barque "GRINAMAN," Capt. A. MACKENZIE, will load here, and have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 6, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The Portuguese Ship "ALFA," Captain SOUZA, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE & Co. Hongkong, October 6, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Ship "ISLES OF THE SOUTH," DENNETT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

REPAIR OF THE BUILDING ORDNANCE.
Mr. Frank Bowden, boarding at the Hongkong Hotel, again appeared to answer the charge of having excavated a trench without the permission of the Surveyor General. The following additional evidence was called. Mr. Watts, an overseer of works attached to the Surveyor General's Department, stated that on the 4th instant, Mr. Bowden wrote to the Survey Department to ask permission to open a drain in Ladder Street. The complainant received the letter on the evening of the 4th from Mr. Bowden, the Assistant Surveyor General, but as there was no number given of the house in the letter of the complainant could not trace the house out. On the 5th he told Mr. Bowden that he could not find the locality. He saw, however, the contractor who was engaged to do the work, and he was to meet Mr. Watts at 7.30 a.m. on the 6th for the purpose of showing him the work, to see whether permission could be given for its execution. There was no contractor to be found at the time and place appointed, and instead thereof Mr. Watts found a large trench cut in the road. A report was then made to the Surveyor General, who directed a summons to be taken out, as the place was dangerous to the public. The defendant stated that he gave instructions to his contractor to repair the drain, and on the 4th he gave him a letter to the Surveyor General to have the permission. On the 7th he learnt from the rent collector that the work had not been commenced, that the contractor had been unable to meet the Inspector and to get the permission. On the 8th the defendant went to the place and found the drain open with a slight fence around it. After breakfast the contractor came again, and defendant wrote another letter to the Survey Department for permission to carry on the work. He did not know that he was committing a breach of the Ordinance, and when he saw Mr. Bowden afterwards, that gentleman told him that it was not all right, and that a summons had been taken out against him. Fined \$10, and to pay \$2.50 for expenses.

LARCENY.
Yeung Akin, boatman, was charged by Mr. Fischer, an assistant in the firm of Messrs. Lammert, Atkinson & Co., with stealing a tin of truffles, valued \$2. The defendant had been in the employ for about five months, and he was watched in consequence of many articles having been stolen. The defendant employed in putting some tins of preserved meats on a shelf and he managed to abstract the tin of truffles. He admitted that he took the tin, but he did not know what was inside, but he thought it was something good. The defendant was sent to three months' hard labour, and ordered to pay a fine of \$20, in default three months' further imprisonment with hard labour.

TROUBLE-SOME PORTERS.
Tip Ayco and two others, coolies, were charged with swarming into a boat at Piddar's Wharf in which there was a gentleman, with intent to carry off his luggage for him. There was such a rush that there was danger of the boat being capsized. Fined 50 cents each.

A PRISONER.
Ohan Apoon and three others, boatmen, were brought up for fighting at the Pysa. The 2nd and 3rd defendants were both hurt. Fined \$5 each, and to give security each in \$5 to be of good behaviour for three months.

DRENKENNESS.
Carol Thompson, seaman Russian ship *Jalo*, was charged with being troublesome in a house of ill-fame when drunk, but as he was harmless, he was discharged.
Christian Lawton, seaman American ship *Great Admiral*, was fined 50 cents for being drunk in the street.
John Wilson and Martin Bow, seamen belonging to the same ship, were fined \$1 each for a similar offence, aggravated by fighting and assault.

A BLISSFUL MARRIAGE.
Li Ahoi, a hawker, and Chung Anai, a married woman, husband and wife, were charged with fighting. The defendant stated that they had been married a month. He took some of his wife's clothes to pawn in order to get money to pay for a hawker's license. The wife, however, gave a different story: she said her newly married husband had got a sweetheart, and was going to transport his love and her clothes to this woman. An uncle of the 1st defendant and an aunt of the 2nd appeared in Court and proposed to bring this family quarrel to an amicable settlement, and the Magistrate copaciously allowed it to be so arranged.

A QUIET CASE.
Chan Tai On and three others, coolies, were charged with making an attack on a house at Tai Kok Tsai, British Kowloon. From the complainant's story it appeared that last night about 7 or 8 o'clock, the 20 men made an attack on the house. They were armed with bamboo and sticks. The complainant was struck on the head with a bamboo, but the object was not to rob, and he did not know why they made the attack. P. O. No. 61, Meyers, stated that from information received, he went to the house. He found the 1st prisoner lying in a pool of blood, and the complainant was rolled up in a blanket, lying quietly about four feet from where the 1st prisoner was. The furniture and other things in the house were smashed up or otherwise in a state of topsy-turvy. Remanded till the 17th inst.

CHINA.
SHANGHAI.
(Couriers.)

A few days ago we reported, on undoubted authority, the designs of Ting Futai, with reference to the Wooning Railway. He had arranged for its purchase; he had obtained the Imperial sanction; and it was his intention to remove it to Formosa. His illness, and consequent leave of absence have delayed any further business connected with the scheme; and we are now led to believe that better counsels have prevailed with the Viceroy at Nanking. It may be premature as yet to say that the little railway will not be removed; but there are grounds for hope; and that the vigorous opposition will cease; and that he will not show Ting to get ahead of him as a precedent.

Mr. Muller has been appointed Secretary of the Shanghai Waikong Company, and is a member of committee. The business

will soon be commenced, as steps are to be taken towards purchasing land and the erection of suitable buildings.
Pheasant shooting season has now fairly set in. Over a dozen boats, most of which started on the northern river (Sochow Creek) on Saturday, but one or two the day before. Sportmen will be glad to hear that pheasants are reported to be in great abundance, but the birds shot are generally very young still. We saw rabbits too that had been shot by one party, but not larger than a two months' old kitten.
A new industry has been started in our midst, but one, which, much as we desire to see Shanghai thrive, we hardly welcome with our wonted cheerfulness. A cartridge-filling manufactory seems hardly a desirable neighbour, under any circumstances, but particularly when it is in the hands of the Chinese. Such a business is, however, now carried on in one of the principal thoroughfares of the French Concession, with materials supplied by a Foreign Firm. Now the materials were passed through the Custom House, and by whom, is a question for our "City fathers." At all events, having now drawn attention to the subject, as a duty, we feel secure in leaving the matter in the hands of the local authorities.

(News.)
The report of the North-China Insurance Company to 30th June last shows a total amount at the credit of the Company, after bringing forward Tls. 404,190 from the present working account, of Tls. 1,409,652, out of which dividends have been paid of Tls. 200,000 on the shares and Tls. 254,420 on contributory premiums, and Tls. 108,219 placed to Reserve; leaving a balance of Tls. 859,983. Further dividends have since been paid, in pursuance of a resolution passed at an extraordinary meeting held on the 9th July, of Tls. 70 per share, 8 per cent to contributors for 1876 and 4 per cent to contributors for 1876, representing in the aggregate Tls. 147,319; the Reserve Fund being now raised to Tls. 257,900.
The P. & O. str. *Nizam* was expected yesterday, but had not arrived up to a late hour last evening (Oct. 11th) and has not been delayed by the gale. It is noteworthy that this voyage is usually a long one for the mail steamers indicating a greater regularity in the periodical changes of weather than we are often inclined to credit. To go back to 1870.

Japan.
The San Francisco *Alta* states that the City of Peking, for Hongkong, refused four hundred tons of freight, her carrying capacity being already filled. She is a 6,000-ton vessel.
The British barque *Maitland*, which was mentioned the other day as about to leave for Bolivia, has thrown up her charter, and will now proceed to Kobe to load with rice for Europe.
The U. S. S. *Tennessee*, has come up to her anchorage in the harbour. Admiral Patterson, U. S. N., in command of the U. S. Squadron in these waters, and several officers, have arrived by the City of Peking.
Five commissioners have been sent from Peking to Korea. It is not announced whether they go in pursuance of the custom of regular visitation or with a special view to examination of the forthcoming arrangements to be effected between the Japanese and the Korean government.
Mr. Hunsbuss, on the part of Japan, is already on his way to the capital of the adjacent kingdom. We are informed that the choice of the two ports to be opened has not been definitely settled. The northern one may be abandoned for another locality. The southern is not likely to be changed.
It is stated in the *Hochi Shimbun* that a new ship of war is about to be built in the Yokosuka dock-yard, under the superintendence of Mr. Uyeda Tokakichi, marine engineer of the second class. The designs for this vessel have been supplied by Admiral Akamatsu, one of the most accomplished officers in the service, whose early studies of his profession were pursued in Holland, in his companionship with Admiral Yamamoto. The construction of the machinery will be undertaken by Messrs. Kobayashi and Watanabe, engineer and mechanician. No foreign assistance, it is understood, will be required in this enterprise.
A foreign gentleman, now in the South, writes from Kagoshima, under the date of the 27th ultimo, as follows:—
I was on shore yesterday (26th September) seeing the ruins of Kagoshima, and went up the hill where Saigo and his followers had come to meet their deaths. They had cut out in the rocks to hide themselves from the storming party of the Imperialists. I was inside some of them, and in Saigo's cave I picked up a small cup and saucer, from which I presume the rebel-volunt must have drunk many a time. He was shot in three places, and they cut his head off at the entrance to the cave. His blood was still red and wet when I saw it. Not far from where I stood were some other caves, where Saigo's officers had been quartered. I saw the body of one of them lying outside on his back, with the belly cut open and the bowels protruding, he having committed *harakiri*. The general appearance of everything was horrible, though I saw no dead bodies except the one mentioned. I saw the graves of Saigo, Kirino, Boppu, Murata, and several more of the rebel Generals, who were buried side by side. Some of the ships are going away to-night with troops for Kobe. One vessel is here in quarantine on account of coming from Nagasaki, as cholera is there; but she has no sickness on board.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S. City of Peking, Captain Tanner, with files from San Francisco to the 15th September, arrived yesterday forenoon.

WAR NEWS.
Plevna, August 28.—A telegram from Bucharest says that the Russian army has been repulsed at Plevna, and that the Turkish army is now in possession of the town.

Chief of the Roumanian Staff have returned from the Czar's headquarters. The negotiations respecting the conclusion of a military convention fall to the ground. Grand Duke Nicholas declared that the Russian army was not permitted to enter the Roumanian province of Wallachia. The Roumanian division have incorporated in the Russian army. A correspondent writes, describing the effects of the war in Russia, as follows:—The peasants are being called off to join the Imperial Army. From all directions, wherever one goes, families are mourning because either father or brother are under orders to start, within, perchance, only a few hours. Families are broken up on all sides, and wives are selling household furniture. The streets of Moscow are thronged in many places with household goods. The price of provisions is rising. Matters are in the same state of change. Those who have retired from the army or navy are in many cases being recalled. It will, it is presumed, be a general call to arms. While I write, a general call is being made for all to serve in the militia and notices to this effect have been served on all those residing in one of the six divisions of Moscow. House to house visitation is also going on relative to the number of men-servants and horses kept by every household, a large quota of which must now be parted with for the public service. Substitutes for the former are not accepted. Funds are rolling in for the sick and wounded on all sides, peasants even urging the acceptance of their militia.

London, August 26.—A blue book is published containing Colonel Wellesley's report. He says that although he has not personally visited the alleged scenes of atrocities, he has from examining reliable English and other witnesses of the operations, arrived at a firm and honest conviction that the accusations are entirely unfounded. The war, however, is one in which little quarter is given on either side.
London, Aug. 28.—The Russian newspaper *Vedomosti* after an elaborate review of the sums already expended on the war, draws the conclusion that if the war lasts till next Autumn, it will cost not less than 850,000,000 roubles, of which 322,000,000 have already been expended. To cover this sum, there is a reserve of 150,000,000 roubles. As to the remaining 480,000,000, paper money, of which there is already 977,000,000 roubles in circulation, must be issued.

London, Sept. 8.—An Athens despatch states that the Duke of Edinburgh arrived yesterday, on the Iron-clad *Sultan*, and visited the King and Queen. The British Government, fearing that he would seem to countenance the war party, telegraphed that he must leave immediately. He left the same evening.
The story of the destruction of Eski-Sagher by the Turks is detailed by correspondents. All the Bulgarian males seem to have been killed. Two American missionaries, Messrs Bond and Marsh, have escaped with their lives and the clothes they had on.
Three British correspondents have been removed from Shumla, by the Turkish Commandant.

London, September 5.—A telegram from Erzerum says: The Russians are confining themselves to a defensive attitude. The Russian centre is bringing up artillery from Alexandropol to defend the camp at Balidir. In the event of an attack by Mukhtar Pasha, while on the left General Terzakevitch is fortifying his positions near Igdyr to command the roads leading to the plains of Edirna.
London, September 5.—Russian official accounts of fighting at Kadikoi, near Rustuk, say:—On Tuesday a Turkish force from Rustuk and Rasgrad captured Kadikoi and occupied it for a time, but were subsequently driven out with great loss, by seven battalions of infantry and eight battalions of Cossacks, with 22 guns. Russian loss, 30 killed and 150 wounded.
London, September 5.—An official despatch from Prince Meritskiy says: Lofitza has been taken, after twelve hours' fighting, despite its natural strength, its strong fortifications and the stubborn resistance of the Turks. Skabofski was the hero of the day. General Kasididzeff was wounded.
Bucharest, September 5.—The battle at Lofitza was commenced by the Turks, who, disquieted by the great increase of the Russian army before Plevna, attacked them fiercely. The Russians repulsed nine successive Turkish assaults, and finally drove the Turks back into the town, which they entered with them. The struggle continued in the streets until the Turks were driven out from the other side of the town in great disorder. They retreated, followed by General Skabofski's cavalry brigade, which had, by its gallantry, largely contributed to the Russian success. The slaughter was great, especially among the Turks.
London, September 5.—A Vienna despatch says that the Russians have abandoned the upper Lom line, and have withdrawn their right wing on that side, which was at Papakal, to a line where they can keep in contact with the forces guarding the road from Osmar Bazar. Mehmet Ali has thus gained an undoubted strategical success by his victory at Karson. All depends on how he will use it.
It seems quite certain if the Turks do not beat the Russians within the next week or ten days their opportunity will have passed. At the end of that time the Russians will have received their reinforcements, and will be ready, if ever, to crush out their opponents. If the Russians do not very soon secure the defeat of the Turks there are excellent reasons for believing that the Russian alone almost precludes the idea of another year's campaign.
The autumn rains have begun.
Strong dissatisfaction is displayed in the Russian army at the incapacity of General Sevitzky, who is acting as Chief of Staff, a foreigner without military experience, being appointed to the command of the active army before Plevna.
London, September 8.—Accounts of the fighting at Lovat, sent from Bucharest by some correspondents, turns out to be pure fiction. The Russian success is not of such proportions as first reported. Lovat is an open town in the very important locality as covering the roads to Trojan and Selvi. The use of the Russian will be able to make the position still depend on their driving back the Turks on the northwest of Lovat. The capture of Lovat must be regarded

rather as part of an important system of operations than an independent achievement. Perhaps the Russians are trying to finish with Osman Pasha before it becomes indispensable to meet Mehmet Ali Pasha's advance. It seems, beyond doubt, that the Czarovitch and his army have been greatly weakened, and that, after several important successes, Mehmet Ali now threatens the lines of communication with Tirova, while Ahmet Eyyub Pasha, operating from Rustuk, threatens not only the new bridge at Pyrgos, but even the Sietova crossing. Every preparation is making, and every nerve is strained, to bring complete destruction to the Turkish army at Plevna.

London, Sept. 6.—The Turkish Ambassador at Vienna has delivered a note reading that the Powers that Turkey, at the request of the late Serbian war, neglected the opportunity of rendering Serbia harmless, at their request, stating that in case Serbia should again take up arms, Turkey would not consider herself bound hereafter to treat her with moderation, and would only consult her own military and political interests.
The Czar witnessed the operations on Friday before Plevna.
The *Panther Lloyd* states positively that the Powers have arrived at an understanding that their neutrality shall remain unaltered notwithstanding the military alliance between Serbia and Russia.

A Russian detachment is marching in great haste toward Sofia, which is wholly unprotected. The movement will stop Turkish reinforcements, while Roumanians block the road to Widin.
London, September 9.—A correspondent, writing on Thursday, explains the positions of the contending armies at Plevna as follows: Grivica stands in the toe of the horseshoe formed by the Turkish positions around Plevna. Opposite to it stands the Russian fifth division, which will fall in after artillery preparation. The line is prolonged on the left flank by five divisions, extending as far as Bogot. Opposite the horseshoe is the Russo-Roumanian centre. The Russians have the ground to the left, which was occupied by Prince Loharevsky in the previous battle of Plevna. The Roumanians have a section of the environment to the right of the centre, being the ground on which General Kraderer had fought. The front of each section is of about equal extent.

The Turkish positions opposite the Roumanian section are the stronger; but as there are 28,000 Roumanians to 50,000 Russians, it seems logically to follow that the Roumanians are intended to function of a demonstrative character. They will do good service if they hold the Turks confronting them while the centre and left are delivering blow upon blow on the weaker sections of the Turkish front.
Prince Meritskiy, from Lovat, detached one brigade and sent it south to Trojan, to guard against trouble from that region; and to-day (Thursday) has marched north along the road in the direction of Plevna, with three brigades. Of the details of his position I am unaware, except that he touches the Russian division in Bogot, and that this force constitutes the Russian extreme left flank, which is very strong either for direct attack or for outflanking the Turkish position.

It is said that 20,000 Turks, who were marching to Osman Pasha's assistance, have been intercepted below Eski-Sagher. The Russians have created a new monster gun at Shobda, which has silenced three Turkish batteries before Rustuk.
A correspondent at Berlin telegraphs:—Trustworthy advice from Bulgaria state that as soon as the operations at Plevna are decided either by victory or defeat, the Czar, Czarovitch and Grand Duke Vladimir will return to St. Petersburg. The Grand Dukes Nicholas and Alexis, and the Prince of Leuchtenberg will remain at the seat of war.

The Turks were driven from Lovat, and said to be out off from Osman Pasha's camp by Russian cavalry.
An Otrask correspondent shows that the surrender of Nicosia was necessitated by the Montenegrins having stormed positions commanding the citadel. The garrison, which was originally 400 strong, lost 200 during the siege in killed and prisoners, and the remainder were taken to the Turkish camp. A Berlin correspondent says that General Kauffmann, of Khivan fame, has gone to the Danube to organize the Russian campaign.

London, September 9.—A correspondent, telegraphing from Porecia, gives the names of various of the corps and brigades comprising the army before Plevna, showing that there are 80,000 infantry, including 28,000 Roumanians. The cavalry number 10,000 including 4,000 Roumanians. With the addition of other arms of the service, there is a compact, well-equipped army of about 100,000 men with 250 guns, including siege artillery. The greater part of the army has the advantage of having already been under fire. Some indication of a turning movement was suggested when Prince Meritskiy took Lovat, but the suggestion was deceptive. The course of the attack promises to be almost identical with that pursued on previous occasions.
New York, September 9.—The Turkish Minister furnishes the following:—In view of the various reports in circulation about the origin of Osman Pasha, the Turkish Legation has the honor to inform the press that the Marshal of that name was born in Asia Minor, of Mussulman parents.

London, September 9.—The Manchester *Examiner* publishes the following despatch announcing the capture of Plevna by the Russians:—*Sietova—Sunday Night.*—This morning the attack on all sides of Plevna commenced, and continued throughout the day. By 6 o'clock in the evening the town of Plevna was in the hands of the Russians. The losses were enormous, but details are yet reserved.
London, September 9.—Official bulletins from Russian headquarters at Porecia give details of the operations against Plevna as follows: At dusk on Thursday the troops of the western column approached Plevna, and working all night, unobserved by the Turks, erected batteries on the heights surrounding the Turkish fortifications. Our siege batteries opened on Friday at 6 a.m. a cannonade, which continued all day. The commandant of one of our batteries was killed, and two other officers wounded. Our loss on Friday was not large. The artillery engagement was renewed on Saturday morning, with great vigour, and continued all day. In the evening our left wing succeeded in outflanking the heights to the south of the town, with a loss of 800 men. The village of Uchitza was also captured. The centre and right wing have been ordered within twelve or fourteen hundred yards of the Turkish fortifications. The losses on the whole are not great. The Russian army

all Saturday night, and increased in violence on Sunday morning.
A despatch dated Bucharest, to-day, says a general attack on Plevna will be made to-day.

Vienna, September 9.—A Cattaro special reports that Nicosia, with nineteen guns, surrendered unconditionally, but the garrison inhabitants were allowed to withdraw to Gallesho.
Bucharest, Sept. 9.—The whole Russian Rastchuk army has taken up fresh and less extended positions. These positions are probably in the neighbourhood of Biela.
London, Sept. 10.—A correspondent at Vienna says: It is not what occurs in front so much as what occurs in the rear of Plevna, which will give the fight its significance. The movements of the two Roumanian divisions from the north, and of the column of Lovat from the south, leave no doubt that the Russians, whatever may be the success of such a plan, are preparing a Sedan for Osman Pasha, and he will probably have to trust to his own resources to extricate himself. The operations of Mehmet Ali and Sultan are probably too far off to be of use to him.

Paris, Sept. 10.—Intelligence has been received here that the Turkish forces on the frontier have been ordered to enter Serbia immediately if she takes part in the war.
Paris, Sept. 10.—A Vienna despatch reports the rumors that Osman Pasha was retreating from Plevna. There is, however, absolutely no trustworthy information on this point from either side.
It has been ascertained that simultaneously with the Kavarna massacre, Circassians committed atrocities in eleven villages of Eastern Bulgaria. In the village of Sujuk, inhabited by Greeks, 150 houses were burned and 300 inhabitants massacred. One hundred corpses of women have been discovered at Samala. A letter says these facts are verified by the Consul.

London, Sept. 10.—The *Daily News* correspondent, under date of Saturday noon, says:—We broke up camp at Banitzka, at sunrise, this morning, and moved direct to Biela, in hopes of being able to reach Giurgovo by Biela, the Rastchuk road and Pyrgos. I rode among the line of forests down the Valley of Banitzka to Buseva. I found the town deserted, except by a few Cossacks, who reported that the Turks had taken the Dampolia part of the road and occupied Pyrgos, breaking up the ferry communication. Turning back to Biela, to make the trip by way of Simnitza, I found confirmation of these unwelcome tidings, and also that the Czarovitch, who has been at Kopritza, on the Barzetzka Lom, whether he had retired from Kopas when it became impossible to hold Polomarka and Gembrova, was expected at Biela this afternoon (Saturday). The town is full of troops. Supply trains are crossing the bridge. Some are retiring as far as Bavel. The army of the Czarovitch will hold the line of the Yantra, near Biela, with the Thirtieth Corps. The Eleventh Corps apparently still holds its position south of Tirova. The Twelfth Corps has retired across the Biela and Rastchuk road, holding Terstenick and Metchika. The camp at Terstenick has been fortified within the past few days, and is situated on a hill overlooking the Danube.

London, September 10.—The *Daily News* correspondent with the army of the Czarovitch, at Banitzka, a few miles from Biela, under date of Friday evening, describes the Turkish occupation of Abilva on Wednesday, the gallant attack of the Russians under General Timofejef, the retreat of the Turks across the Lom and the recapture of Abilva by the Russians, with a loss of 1,000 men to the latter. There was an armistice on Thursday for the burial of the dead. Russians and Turks fraternized heartily whenever they met during the armistice. They shook hands, exchanged bread, buttered trinkets for tobacco, and for the first time in the war came together like civilized people. In the evening, after the termination of the armistice, the Russians evacuated Abilva, finding it useless to attempt to hold out longer—nine battalions against sixty. Late this afternoon the whole division reached Banitzka, where they bivouaced, together with a large part of the Thirty-fifth Division, retreating from Gembrova, and Polomarka.

London, September 11.—A Vienna special says the departure of Mehmet Ali from the centre of his army for the left wing looks as though an advance from the Lom is again to be made from that side. Mehmet Ali has gone to Sornasbader, and an action is impending to the west of Eski-Djuma.
There are rumors that the Turks evacuated Plevna on Sunday, moving toward Widin, after having severely punished the Roumanian column to the north-west. There are other reports that there have been several desperate assaults on the Turkish right, preceded by a heavy demonstration from the Russian right centre, and that the Russians have secured a foot-hold which they have retained against the most desperate Turkish counter-charges.
The situation of Bulgaria is at the present moment most critical. The fate of this year's campaign would seem to hang upon the defence of Plevna. If Osman Pasha can hold the position, Mehmet Ali can relieve him. The Russian armies will be in a most hazardous situation. If, on the other hand, Plevna falls, while the army of the Czarovitch still stands undefeated on the Yantra, the whole right of the allied armies can be turned to crush Mehmet Ali. To both sides, time is of vital importance, but it is more important to the Ottoman than to the Muscovite.

No reliable advice of the capture of Plevna has yet received. Despatches giving details of the heavy fighting Saturday show that the Russians are gradually improving their positions, covering Plevna, but fail to confirm the story of Turkish defeat. The decisive assault was then contemplated for Sunday.
The capture of Nicosia is of much value to the Russians, because it deprives Turkey of her hold upon Montenegro and frees the mountainous for effective cooperation with the Russian invaders. It tends, also, to encourage Serbia to enter boldly into the war against the Mussulmans.
In consequence of the representations of Germany and France, the Porte has ordered the re-arrest and confinement of the five Bulgarian assassins, who had been released from Widin.

Four thousand of Imperial troops passed through Bucharest on Monday; 4000 more were expected yesterday, and 8000 to-day. The *Deutsche Zeitung*, of Berlin, states that Prince Gortschakoff has, by anticipation, declined mediation.
A correspondent at Athens declares that rumors of negotiations for an alliance between Greece and Russia, binding the former to military intervention against Turkey, are unfounded. On the other hand, the Greek Government, while giving personal assurances for the present, has refused to undertake for the future not to make war

upon Turkey, as such an engagement would be tantamount to an abandonment of the rights of Greece as an independent State.
It is stated from Bucharest that the Russians have removed the bridge at Pyrgos, and taken it to Petrosan, higher up the river.
London, Sept. 11, 6 a.m.—There is no news from Plevna, although at Vienna the wildest reports are current of its capture, and of prodigious slaughter of the Turks. One of the reports even says that Osman is a prisoner.
A Vienna correspondent says:—Reports about the fall of Plevna, which are traced to Roumanian sources, have not been confirmed from any side. It is variously surmised that the Russians, having approached within striking distance, are awaiting the movements of their twining columns, which are supposed to have been sent to the flank and rear of Plevna, or that the Turks may have fortified Plevna so strongly that it is only to be taken by gradual approaches. The whole plan of attack may thus have to be changed.

London, Sept. 11.—A correspondent, under date, "Before Plevna, Saturday, 6 p.m." says: The Russians had, during the night, gained a large slice of ground in the direction of Grivica, and a battery of siege guns had been built on an elevation within easy range of the redoubt. At sunrise, that battery came into action, its fire sweeping into the redoubt, which could not reply to the siege battery, the range being too long; so it pounded at the field batteries on the ridge, but the practice was not good and few casualties occurred. The Russian siege battery made admirable practice at the Grivica redoubt, which is the key to the position. The assault was intended to begin yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, but owing to delays, the troops were not in position by the appointed time. Everywhere, now, the infantry is in position, waiting for the word. Towards noon, the Russian infantry pushed forward in skirmishing order, driving back the outlying Turks. The artillery followed and came into action at short range. The Turkish return fire, although directed at the Russian first line of artillery, is very heavy, though but little harm is done. Further on the left, to the crest of the range beyond Radisava, which was one array of field batteries, firing was very heavy, Turkish shells doing great damage among the gunners and falling behind among the infantry on the reverse slope and in Radisava. At 5 o'clock, the Russians advanced towards the Turkish positions, and continued firing until 6, the firing somewhat slackening then. The fire must have reached into Plevna. There is no indication of an assault to-day. I believe it will be commenced to-morrow morning. The Russian cannon are drawing close around the Turkish positions, but the test will not be with cannon, but with the prowess of the men. The losses were much heavier to-day than yesterday.

London, Sept. 11.—A Bucharest correspondent telegraphs that the change in the weather is exceedingly trying. The thermometer has fallen 36 degrees during the past five days, and there is now a sharp frost at night.
Vienna, Sept. 11.—A correspondent says it is announced from Galatz that from Aug. 24th to Sept. 7th, 40,000 men and 6,000 horses, to reinforce the Russian army, passed Barboishi bridge. Fifteen batteries were included in the above reinforcements. Half are already at Plevna.
Belgrade, Sept. 11.—A despatch dated Tuesday says information has been received from Turnseverin that Prefects have been ordered to have everything in readiness for 60,000 Russians, who will march through Turnseverin on their way to cross the Danube and enter Serbian territory. On the Serbian bank, everything is prepared for the crossing of the Russians. The Serbian Brigade of Belgrade will leave to-morrow for the frontier.

Quotations.
HONGKONG, October 15, 1877.
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Bank, on demand, ... 8/10
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Calcutta, ... 721
Shanghai, demand, ... 73 a 73 1/2
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Bar Silver, 17, dwt. 3, ... 91 a 91 1/2
Soyee, ... 10 1/2
Mexican, ... 26.20
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H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$370
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Do. 4 p.m. ... 30.010
Thermometer—9 a.m. ... 78
Do. 1 p.m. ... 78
Do. 4 p.m. ... 77
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Do. Do. 4 p.m. ... 70
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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 8, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE THIRD, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1875.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1866.

INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up—Tls. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE—Tls. 250,000

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND—Tls. 75,000

Total Capital and accumulations this date—Tls. 725,000

Directors: F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. M. W. BOYD, Esq. O. KARRS, Esq. M. P. EVANS, Esq. O. LUGAN, Esq.

Secretaries: Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai. London Bankers: Messrs. BARNES BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in: HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest on Shareholders' Capital, AND THE PROFITS OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors: KWOK ACHONG, Merchant. PAO YIN, Merchant. HO SAM, of Hong Kong, Merchant. LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant. LEE SING, of Lai Sing Firm, Merchant. CHANG SING YONG, Merchant. CHOY CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on Buildings and on Goods stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to DISCOUNT of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 45, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. cc28

Intimations.

PIANOS and any other Musical Instruments TUNED, REPAIRED, and RE-CONSTRUCTED.

PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or Occasionally.

PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-Hand, all in perfectly Good Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new Grand Cottage PIANO, by LUDERS and RUSSEL, Zeit—Just Received from Germany, and specially constructed for this climate to the order of the Undersigned.

Orders from any of the Outports in the East, will meet with prompt attention if addressed:

Care of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs. GAUFF & Co.

A. HAHN.

Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

By appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG; and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs, Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex. S. S. Tigs, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only. Engravings of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes, Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

AH YON, SHIPS' PROVISIONS AND STEVEDORE.

No. 67, Prince Street.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., OIL MERCHANTS.

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

His Agent has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 27, Prince Street, or to Mr. FAY JACK, at 30, King Long Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 18, 1877. cc29

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Harbour C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
STEAMERS						
Argyll	Brit. str.	1270	Oct. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	18th, 3 p.m.
Camoens	Brit. str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	Y'ham & San F'elao	24th, noon
City of Peking	Brit. str.	5075	Oct. 14	P. M. S. S. Co.		
Conquest	Brit. str.	317	Oct. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Halphong	17th, daylight
Danube	Brit. str.	644	Oct. 7	Douglas LaPrak & Co.	Bangkok	20th inst.
Fernando	Brit. str.	780	Oct. 12	Yuen Fat Hong	Tug Flying	Sand's Ship
Golden Horn	Brit. str.	117	Oct. 7	B. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		To-morrow
Howang	Brit. str.	700	Oct. 10	Chinese	Halphong	To-morrow
Japan	Brit. str.	1023	Oct. 10	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Javan	Brit. str.	795	Oct. 14	O. M. S. N. Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	18th, 3 p.m.
Javan	Brit. str.	886	Oct. 1	Hop Kee & Co.	Singapore	To-day
Madagascar	Brit. str.	1019	Oct. 13	Wm. Pustan & Co.	London, &c.	To-day
Norua	Brit. str.	884	Oct. 13	Siemssen & Co.	Swatow	17th, 10 a.m.
Sea Gull	Brit. str.	606	Oct. 13	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	To-morrow
Sunda	Brit. str.	1029	Oct. 19	Insurance Company		
Taiwan	Brit. str.	408	Oct. 19	Douglas LaPrak & Co.	Yokohama	Mails
W. Corea de Vries	Brit. str.	334	June 4	G. McElduff	Amoy and Tamsui	17th inst.
Yang-tse	Brit. str.	2423	Oct. 15	Massachusetts Maritimes	Marcellis, &c.	Repeating
Yesso	Brit. str.	659	Oct. 12	Douglas LaPrak & Co.	Coast Ports	18th, noon
Yothung	Brit. str.	286	Oct. 12	Kwong Lee Yuen & Co.		at daylight
Sailing Vessels						
Aarhus	Dan. sch.	251	Oct. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Abercrombie	Brit. sch.	1087	Oct. 12	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Abelady	Brit. bge.	735	Aug. 5	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Abel Abbot	Am. Sm. sch.	590	Sept. 24	Order		
Alphington	Brit. bge.	326	Sept. 6	Wieler & Co.		
Alva	Port. sch.	631	Aug. 30	Brandao & Co.		
Augusta	Brit. Sm. sch.	210	Aug. 10	Meyer & Co.	Sydney & Melbourne	For Sale
Batavia	Ger. bge.	368	Oct. 11	Siemssen & Co.	Cape Town	
Brabant	Brit. bge.	394	Oct. 18	Russell & Co.		
Chamron Kamrye	Ger. bge.	373	Oct. 14	Siemssen & Co.		
Chascon	Slam. bge.	480	Sept. 4	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Amer. bge.	628	Oct. 4	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Chang Seng	Slam. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	445	July 30	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Callao	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	667	Sept. 21	Douglas LaPrak & Co.	New York	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	245	Oct. 6	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	1884	Sept. 25	Wieler & Co.		
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	1075	Oct. 15	Russell & Co.		
Chang Seng	Span. bge.	284	Oct. 11	Order		
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	166	Sept. 28	Insurance Co.		
Chang Seng	Port. bge.	395	Sept. 19	Remedios & Co.	Macao	
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	1846	Sept. 14	Siemssen & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	989	Sept. 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	915	Sept. 28	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	268	Oct. 18	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	837	Oct. 6	Wieler & Co.	Halphong	
Chang Seng	Ger. sch.	1296	July 30	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Chang Seng	Brit. Sm. sch.	198	Oct. 6	Meyer & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	668	July 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	1200	July 5	Russell & Co.	New York	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	688	July 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	1876	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.		
Chang Seng	Dut. bge.	100	Oct. 14	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	272	Oct. 2	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Chefoo	
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	1185	Aug. 12	Russell & Co.	New York	
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	1806	July 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chang Seng	Norw. bge.	786	Oct. 12	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	320	July 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	417	Sept. 21	Siemssen & Co.	Newchwang	
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	1858	Sept. 28	Edward Schellhaas & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. sch.	628	Oct. 3	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	765	July 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Chang Seng	Sta. Sm. sch.	190	Sept. 2	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	759	Sept. 25	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Foochow	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	683	Oct. 1	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Cleared	
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 13	Insurance Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	847	July 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	640	Oct. 8	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Manila	
Chang Seng	Slam. bge.	432	Sept. 4	Tack Mee	To-day	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	380	Sept. 19	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	353	Oct. 12	Wieler & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	465	Sept. 25	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Chang Seng	Foh. bge.	425	Oct. 2	Carlowitz & Co.	Halphong	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	Oct. 15	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	337	Sept. 29	Melchers & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	598	Sept. 28	Melchers & Co.	New York	
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	434	Oct. 2	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Halphong	
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	327	Oct. 12	Wieler & Co.	To-day	
Chang Seng	Span. bge.	217	Oct. 4	Remedios & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	210	Oct. 12	Lane, Crawford & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	1060	Sept. 6	Meyer & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	239	Oct. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Moulmein	
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	445	Oct. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Cleared	
Chang Seng	Slam. bge.	476	Sept. 26	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	290	Sept. 19	Rosario & Co.	Halphong	
Chang Seng	Span. bge.	220	Oct. 12	Remedios & Co.	To-morrow	
Chang Seng	Foh. bge.	289	Oct. 14	Carlowitz & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	239	Sept. 11	Chinese		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	769	Jan. 13	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Singapore	
Chang Seng	Amer. sch.	900	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	1068	July 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Chang Seng	Brit. sch.	903	Oct. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	456	Sept. 4	Siemssen & Co.	Monte Video	
Chang Seng	Slam. bge.	474	Sept. 26	Siemssen & Co.		
Chang Seng	Ger. bge.	165	Oct. 7	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Chang Seng	Dut. bge.	268	Oct. 12	Siemssen & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	796	Oct. 15	Remedios & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	584	Oct. 2	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Chang Seng	Brit. bge.	714	Sept. 6	Meyer & Co.	London	Wanohai Pier
WHEAMPOA						
Arriba	Ringo	Ger. bge.	442	Oct. 4	Wieler & Co.	Hamburg
Aumboldt	Stoll	Ger. bge.	880	Sept. 29	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Chefoo
CANTON						
Angtze	Schultze	Brit. str.	782	Oct. 14	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai